[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that at the recent auction of these taluks under the independent shop system a sum of about Rs. 90,000 was fetched per annum excluding tree tax?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): About Rs. 75,000 or Rs. 80,000. I do not remember the exact figure.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that this amount is exclusive of the tree tax?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that as a rule about one-third of the rental amount is brought up in the way of tree tax per annum?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That will vary.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I am speaking roughly.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say definitely.

*Defalcations in the Trivandrum Municipality.*

73. MR. K PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that some officers of the Trivandrum Municipality who embezzled municipal funds have been retained in the service on their refunding the amounts misappropriated by them?

(*b*) If there are such cases, will the Government be pleased to place on the table the names and designation of these officers with the reasons for not prosecuting or otherwise punishing them?

(*c*) Are no proper accounts of income and expenditure maintained in the Municipality?

(*d*) Does the Municipality prepare annual budgets showing the amounts under each head of revenue and expenditure?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) It is reported that there was no misappropriation but that there were delays in remitting collections.

(*b*) The names and designations of the officers responsible for the delays are given below. The President of the Municipal Council has reported that the punishment of suspension was considered sufficient.

| No. | Name. | Designation. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Vasudevan Pillai ... | Conservancy Overseer. |
| 2 | Sivasankara Pillai ... | Do. |
| 3 | Ramakrishna Pillai ... | Aminadar. |
| 4 | K. Parameswaran Pillai ... | Do. |

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(*c*) Proper accounts for the income and expenditure are reported to be maintained in the Municipality.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): In regard to the answer to question (*a*), may I know what the extent of these delays is?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is reported that there was no misappropriation, but there were delays. I have not got full information and I shall call for it.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Are Government aware that the collections made in 1097 and 1098 were not brought into the accounts in 1098 or 1099?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government enquire as to the extent of the delays?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government enquire whether the amounts were not really misappropriated?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

### *Checking of Furniture in Railway Stations.*

74. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are in the habit of checking the furniture and other conveniences provided by the S. I. R. Coy., for the use of travellers in the railway stations within Travancore?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The checking of furniture, etc., at railway stations is not done by the Government.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know whether the Government keep a list of the furniture supplied to each of the railway stations within Travancore?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not keep a list.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Has any complaint been made with respect to the absence of the necessary furniture in the railway stations in Travancore?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.



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